

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-12 and 14-16 are pending in the application and stand rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

Claims 1, 4-12 and 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Nunokawa et al. (US 7,008,125, cited as English translation of WO 02/053389 published on July 11, 2002). Applicant traverses this rejection as follows.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a storage element provided in or on said recording medium for storing a correction amount used for correcting a target carry amount and that is set in a step-by-step fashion in accordance with a remaining amount of said recording medium, said correction amount corresponding to a range of said remaining amount of said recording medium said remaining amount of said recording medium being obtained based on detection of a rotation amount of a paper-feed roller by an encoder.

Nunokawa, on the other hand, discloses two methods for detecting the paper feed quantity. One is to use the rotation angle of the paper feed motor; the other is to use detection wires (see column 16, lines 16-25). However, in the case where the rotation angle of the feed motor is used, the correction amount is not set in a step-by-step fashion in accordance with the remaining amount of the recording medium. (col. 11, lines 15-25). Additionally, in the case where the detection wires are used, the remaining amount of the recording medium is not obtained based on detection of a rotation amount of a paper-feed roller by an encoder. (col. 16, lines 16-25). Rather, detection wires printed on the back of the roll of paper are used. Therefore, Nunokawa fails to disclose all the features recited in claim 1.

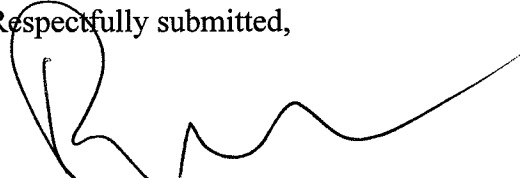
Thus, Applicant submits claim 1 is allowable for at least this reason. Additionally, because claims 8-12 recite similar features, Applicant submits these claims are allowable for the same reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1. Finally, Applicant submits claims 4-7 and 14-16 are allowable, at least by virtue of their dependency.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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